

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the amendment filed April 12, 2007, as well as the amendment above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1,2, and 6-12 remain pending.

Regarding the no-further-maturation-process limitation, in the May 2007 Advisory Action, the examiner commented: "If the molding press (20) does produce any maturation, then this negative limitation will have support in the specification." In reply, applicant submits that a person skilled in the art would understand that press 20 does not produce any maturation. Rather, maturation is performed in the continuous thickening unit 14. It is only after the maturation process is finished – as stated in paragraph 0024 of the specification, after the resin mat "has matured" – that the resin mat is divided into patterns which are sent to the press. Press 20 is used for shaping and curing moldings out of matured plastic material. For those skilled in the art, and as set forth in the specification, the meaning of shaping/curing is different from the meaning of maturing, which happens before the shaping/curing.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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